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Papaver orientale

[Synonyms : *Papaver bracteatum*, *Papaver intermedium*, *Papaver orientale* var. *intermedium*,
Papaver paucifoliatum, *Papaver pseudoorientale*]

ORIENTAL POPPY is a perennial. Native to Armenia it has large brilliant scarlet flowers with a black blotch on the base of the petal.

It is also known as *Eldvallmo* (Swedish), *Mák východní* (Czech), *Mak východný* (Slovak), *Orientalisk vallmo* (Swedish), *Orienvallmo* (Swedish), *Praktvallmo* (Swedish), and *Vallmo* (Swedish); and in flower language it is said to be a symbol of silence.

The flowers are pollinated by bees.

Warning – the plant is poisonous.

Orientele means ‘of or from the East’.

It was introduced to England in 1714.